

Congressman Charlie Melancon made the following requests for projects in the 3rd Congressional District to be included in the surface transportation re-authorization bill currently being drafted by the U.S. Congress.

Hwy 61 Interchange Improvements, St. John the Baptist Parish, \$4,800,000

Project will make improvements at three key intersections along U.S. 61 in Laplace: Belle Terre Blvd, at US51/Old US 51, and Hemlock Street. These three intersections all have abnormally high accident rates. This project will enhance traffic safety and general mobility in the corridor.

I-49 South, \$30,000,000

Funds will be used to upgrade US 90 at LA Hwy 318 Interchange in St. Mary Parish to interstate standards. This is part of a larger effort to upgrade US 90 from the point where I-49 terminates at I-10 in Lafayette to the Westbank Expressway in Orleans Parish to interstate standards.

Hwy 90 Intersection Improvements at LA 3060, LA 52 and Oak Lane, St. Charles Parish, \$280,000

A 2008 traffic study found that improvements were necessary along the Hwy 90 corridor where the highway intersects with LA 3060, LA 52, and Oak Lane in St. Charles, Louisiana. Suggested improvements include upgraded signalization with mast arms and full actuation and 12" LED signal heads, installation of pedestrian crosswalks, construction of missing sidewalks, needed signage, and turn-lane installation.

Spanish Lake By-Pass, \$550,000

Requested funds will be used for the planning of the extension of LA Hwy 3212 to connect LA Hwy 182 with LA Hwy 31 (at or near the intersection of LA Hwy 86). Construction of this bypass will greatly enhance traffic flow and relieve congestion and will also serve as an important addition to the evacuation routes for the City of New Iberia, City of Loreauville, New Iberia Parish, and St. Martin Parish.

LA Hwy 1 Replacement, Leeville to Golden Meadow, \$288,000,000

Funds will be used for the construction of LA 1 Replacement Phase 2, from the north ramps of the Leeville Bridge to the split of LA-1 and LA-3235 includes construction of 8.3 miles of

elevated two-lane highway, beginning in Golden Meadow, Louisiana and terminating in Leeville, Louisiana where it will connect to 10.4 miles of elevated highway currently under construction as Phase 1 of the LA 1 Project. LA 1 ensures access to Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf activity and LOOP, America's only offshore oil port which handles 14% of nation's foreign oil and is connected to 50% of U.S. refining capacity.

Belle Chase Bridge Replacement, \$60,000,000

Funds will be used for the environmental review, design, and construction of a new bridge over Intracoastal Waterway replacing the existing tunnel. The new bridge would improve marine and land-based traffic patterns, roadway capacity, economic development opportunities, and safety, security and access to the Alvin Calendar military airfield.

LA Highway 42 Widening Project, \$37,755,000

Funds will be used to acquire right-of-way, design, engineer, relocate utilities, and construction of LA Highway 42 from a two lane facility to a four lane median section. The project limits extend from LA Highway 44 to Old Jefferson Highway.

LA 637 Port of South Louisiana Access Improvements, \$6,400,000

Funds will be used for a minor widening of the roadway to improve geometry for forecasted growth in truck traffic servicing the facility.

Houma Intelligent Transportation Systems, Phase IV, \$7,000,000

Requested funding will be used for the fourth and final phase of the Houma Intelligent Transportation System project. Phase IV will connect all of the traffic signals in Houma to the fiber optic backbone and the control center where the lights can be manipulated to respond to real time traffic conditions. Funding will also be used to upgrade signals and the control center to use this technology.

Peters Road Extension, Phase II, \$12,000,000

Funding will be used for the environmental review, design, and construction of Phase II of the Peters Road extension, constructing the roadway approaches for the new Intracoastal Waterway bridge crossing. This project will provide increased access to existing industrial and fabrication centers along the Harvey Canal and the lower reaches of the Mississippi River. It also provides new access to the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station, two major oil refineries, and the developing port and off-shore service industries in lower Plaquemines Parish. The project will provide a direct access route between LA Hwy 23, US Hwy 90, and the I-10 system for expedited movement of fabricated materials and containers and increase emergency evacuation capabilities.

LA18 Intersection Improvements at LA 3060, LA 52 and I-310, St. Charles Parish, \$500,000

A 2008 traffic study found that improvements were necessary along the Hwy 18 corridor where the highway intersects with LA 3060, LA 52, and I-310 in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. Suggested improvements include upgraded signalization with mast arms and full actuation and 12" LED signal heads, installation of pedestrian crosswalks, construction of missing sidewalks, needed signage, and turn-lane installation.

I-10 at Belle Terre Boulevard Interchange Improvements, St. John the Baptist Parish, \$520,000

This project will upgrade the lighting at the Belle Terre Boulevard exchange at I-10. This project will illuminate all of the on/off ramps at the interchange and, therefore, greatly increase the safety of using this roadway.

Packenham/Jackson Rehabilitation, St. Bernard Parish, \$3,200,000

Funds will be used for improvements to the Packenham/Jackson Street couplet in St. Bernard Parish. This couplet provides important north-south access between LA 46 and LA 39. Improvements will include minor arterial street reconstruction, pavement, sidewalk, and drainage rehabilitation.

General Cargo Dock Construction, Port of South Louisiana, St. Charles Parish, \$4,488,000

Funds will be used for the planning, engineering, and construction of a new general cargo dock and access roadway at the Port of South Louisiana.

St. Martinville Bypass, St. Martinville, LA, \$35,110,000

Funds will be used for the surveying, engineering, acquisition of right-of-way and the construction of a bypass around the St. Martinville Central Business and Historic District to better facilitate traffic flow in and around St. Martinville.

North-South Hurricane Evacuation Corridor, \$50,000,000

Funds will be used for engineering and right-of-way for the construction of a North-South Evacuation Corridor to connect the Houma-Thibodaux area to LA 3127 in St. James Parish.